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Cscless English Worry.

The London Saturday Review, with an eye on the anti-expanisonists over here,

"Unpatriotic politicians in the United States are doing their utmost to create a panic in the hope that the Philippines may be abandoned and the party in power discredited. It is an ignoble game, and we sin-cerely trust it will be unsuccessful. If the Americans retire from their self-appointed task, the great republic must take the brand of 'coward' as well as the brand of 'Cain,' with which Lowell declared it to be

The Review need not worry. The brand of "coward" will not be written across the American brow. And that brand of "Cain" was visible only to Mr. Lowell's poetical eye. He did not approve of the Mexican war. But he was a young and an inexperienced man then- the rhyming Prof. Norton of that day. He conquered his bilious ness in time, and became a man of sane and practical and robust views about the duties of men and of nations. He was proud to hold the commission of his country, and served the government with suc cess in more than one important post. The brand of "Cain" had faded from his later view-or else he grew to be proud of his country, brand and all.

These American politicians who are nagging the President about his policy in the Philippines are talking with all the fluency and fervor that go with a knowledge that it is nothing but talk. They well under stand that the President will not heed them. They know that the flag is not coming down at Manila. Mr. Bryan himself, if he were in the White House would not order it down. No man with the responsibility of the presidency resting on his shoulders, no matter what his individual misgivings might be, would dare to trifle thus with the pride of a great people.

It is polities, and low polities at that, These men are simply taking chances or disaster. They are keeping up this racket of objection so that if plague or some other agency should increase the American difficulty in the Philippines and temporarily dispirit the people they may hope to ride into power on a passing wave of reaction. But no policy of national shame can be executed in this country. No party whose expectations are based on the hope of national distress deserves to succeed. The American people have put their hands to the plow, and they will not turn back.

Will Mr. Bailey Reconsider!

What effect, if any, will Mr. Reed's withdrawal from the House have on the contest for the minority leadership of that body? When Mr. Bailey announced last winter that he was out of the running three can didiates came instantly to the front-Mr. Bankhead, Mr. Richardson and Judge De Armond. Each has developed strength, but so far none appears to have any conspicuous advantage to boast of over his rivals. All of them are excellent and capable men. But it is anybody's race as yet, and Mr. Reed's action may cut a figure in the calculations, especially as the democrats consider that the republicans will lose heavily by it. In their judgment there is nobody to take Mr. Reed's place of force sufficient portunity for effective work by the minority

Mr. Bailey, notwithstanding his announce ment, is still the choice of many of his party friends for leader. His admirers are among the younger and more aggressiv men. They regard him as easily the minorfty's best speaker, its best parliamentarian. and its best fighter. They acknowledge his infirmities of temper, but assert that he is gradually getting himself better in hard, and that that objection will soon be completely eliminated. It is very likely, too, that these men will now insist more strenuously than ever on their favorite, and bring enough pressure to bear on him to induce him to reconsider his decision and stand for

Whether selection for minority leader of the House would help or hurt Mr. Bailey's candidacy for the Senate is a question. He will oppose Mr. Chilton, whose term expires in 1901. His popularity in Texas is said to be very great; and as it is founded upon his frankness and aggressiveness, and as the minority leader of the next House will have abundant opportunity to exercise both of those qualities, Mr. Bailey in that place might add to his chances for is a very interesting man, and the snap and go of the next House will be increased in proportion as he is prominent in the pro-

Admiral Dewey is foctunate in not having been sufficiently identified with any political party to feel under obligations to comforward and be its Moses.

The Pennsylvania Senatorship.

Governor Stone's appointment of Mr Quay as senator to succeed himself, follow ing immediately after his acquittal, mus be considered in the nature of a personal and official compliment from the executive, designed to influence the members of the legislature. It can not readily be regarded as a serious effort to solve the senatorship problem. The United States Senate, which is judge of the qualifications of its members, has twice in this decade voted not to scat would-be senators with credentials from governors of states whose legislatures have neglected the opportunity to elect to fill vacancies. The vote in the Mantie case in 1866 exactly covers the Pennsylvania situation. Mr. Quay was paired in favor of the seating of Mr. Mantle of Montana whose credentials were presented to afford a test of those of two others, Mr. Alof Washington and Mr. Beckwith of Wyoming. But the precedents of the Senate in this matter go far beyond that established in 1893. In 1825, after a three days' debate, that body held, in the Lanman case that a governor could not rightfully appoint a senator after the legislature had had an opportunity to elect. With very few variations this principle has animated the upper house of Congress ever since that date. Unusual conditions prevailed in 1893 to bring the three western applicants for senatorial seats into a sharp focus. Being pronounced silverites, they came to Washing ton to aid in the anticipated fight against the repeal of the Sherman silver act. Their accession to the silver ranks would have been a material help in the filibuster which was eventually broken. Considerations obtained for and against their admission which were measured by more than strictly legal views of the precedents and the laws. The vote on the seating of Mr. Mantle was 32 against and 29 for the petitioner. In 1898 Henry W. Corbett of Oregon presented credentials from the governor of that state

the Senate voted, 50 to 19, against seating which had stood unbroken until 1879. Mr. Quay was paired against Mr. Corbett. Each Senate is judge of its membership. It may construe the laws and precedents as ft pleases. Its decisions can not be questioned. There is, of course, nothing to prevent the seating of Mr. Quay if a majority of the Senate so votes. But precedent is, as a rule, reverently regarded by the upper house No particular political conditions prevail now to operate for or against Mr. Quay's an not be affected materially by any acion which might be taken, even though success for the applicant in the Pennsylania case were to encourage the governors of Delaware, California and Utah to follow suit with appointments. Nor are personal considerations likely to become influential, that it is dangerous to break long standing ustoms for individual purposes, as the violations thus invoked may become plagues in later years. There can be no general change in the membership of the Pennsylvania legislature until the election in 1900, when all of the representatives and part of the senators will be chosen. The next regular session will not be held until January 1901. So that unless Mr. Quay is to pin hi faith upon the questionable chance of a re versal of the Senate's ruling upon the recess appointment principle, or prefers to wait intil another general election has taken place, the legislature which has just adcurned without choosing his successor is his only reliance. To secure an election from this body it must be called together in special session. It may be that the governor's appointment is part of a program which has for its ultimate purpose the assembling of the legislature after the lessons of the events of the winter and spring have been allowed to impress themselves upon the minds of the members.

England, France and Italy.

Recent events in the Mediterranean sug gest that France is coquetting with Italy Slightly less recent events in China indi cated clearly that England and Italy were then united in some degree of co-operation Still more remote happenings in Africa brought England and France into a threat ening relationship. Does this series of in cidents mean that the advances which France is now making to Italy are inspired by recollections of Fashoda? This question is now agitating Europe, mildly as yet, but with promise of becoming an important issue. Italy's position in Europe is no one of marked strength. Her reverses in Africa a few years ago drained her treas ury and weakened her prestige abroad. He nability or hesitation to follow up her de mands upon China, even with the assurance of England's aid, further decreased her standing as a power. Nevertheless she remains a member of the triple alliance, with Germany and Austria, and theoretically must be reckoned with in all continenta complications. This relationship might at one time have suggested that France' estentatious friendliness toward her wa inspired by the traditional French hatred of Germany. Indeed, it is asserted in som quarters now that France is in fact workng with this factor in mind, seeking per naps to form a new triple alliance with England and Italy as partners. But the Fashoda affair stands as an objection to this theory. That episode is believed to have left a deep scar on the French heart Not even the subsequent partition of Afri ea, in which France fared pretty well, has offset the French pique at the peremptory halting of Major Marchand and his return from the Nile expedition. It seems ques tionable whether France looks to Italy for material aid in any program which she may have in view. Almost as well might she look to Spain. It would rather seem to be for moral effect that this flirtation is in progress between the French and the Ital an squadrons in the Mediterranean. Con-Many moves are made which are at th ime beyond interpretation, but which ar part of elaborate schemes. The genera endency in Europe is to accentuate the solation of England, to remove all her con tinental props and leave her entirely alone in the world field. Italy is her sole remain ing ally. Germany is even less friendly just now than usual owing to the misur derstanding in Samoa and the friendship which has developed between England and the United States. If it be France's pur pose to withdraw Italy from her English relationship it may be relied upon that other and more far-reaching plans are in hand which may affect the general situation with respect both to Europe and Asia

Mr. Croker's Friendship.

Witnesses testify before the Mazet com mittee in New York to the rare value of Mr. Croker's friendship. As evidence of the high regard in which this friendship is held by them, they tell of blocks of stock and proportions of commissions given to the Tammany boss, not on account of any con tracts, but merely as tokens of estrem-Mr. Croker is clearly a man much sought after by those who have business to do with the city. The surety companies, the construction companies, the gas companies, ill kneel at his feet with sacrificial offer ings. It comes "easy" to him. He accept these tributes as a matter of course. His friendship consists in passing the good word along the municipal line to those who know how to interpret it. He stands to win in any event. A man who has friendship to dispose of at this rate is lucky indeed. But what about this friendship when the strain comes? Does it tide a man over the stress of a difference of opinion as to the morals of a public act? Does it excuse an infraction of the spoils rule? Does it shield an honest judge who seeks to do his duty There seems to be something very fragile in the composition of this wonderful com modity, Mr. Croker's friendship. He holds to it as long as it is to his interest to do so But the boss is supreme and can do no

If Governor Stone of Pennsylvania can exert as much influence over the senatorship as Mr. Quay was credited with over the governorship, the requirements of courcous reciprocity will be fully met.

New York is becoming known as the place where the good lawyers go after due penance in political life.

Washington's ball club is doing all it can to add to the humiliation of Philadelphia

over losing that game. The Naval Forces at Apia.

There should be no alarm over the new that a German cruiser has started for Samea, and that another is about to follow The case is not so acute as to warrant the expectation of hostilities in Samoan waters. The governments are agreed as to the terms of the negotiations, the commissioners have left Washington for San Francisco, and will sail from that port next Tuesday for Apia. The difficulties are well along in the preliminary stages of the adjustment, and unless some indiscreet action at Apia should precipitate trouble, no fur ther friction is to be expected between the powers. It is not to be wondered that Germany should desire to increase the German naval force in Samoa. From the Berlin point of view, the conjunction of the Porpoise and the Philadelphia at Apia has thus far been unpleasantly preponderant against

a different footing from that of the Mantle, less hopes to restore whatever degree of Allen and Beckwith cases of 1893. Notwith- prestige she may have lost with the natives standing this more favorable presentation as a result of the complications in which she has been opposed by the American and Corbett, thus renewing the precedent which | English interests. Were the dispatch of the had been formally established in 1825 and Gefion to be considered as in any manner a warlike maneuver, it would be relatively easy for this government to assemble a squadron at Apia of such size that all danger of undue German strength would be overcome. Manila is about the same distance from Samoa as the latter group is from San Francisco. Admiral Dewey could readily spare a few of his staunch fighters for a run down into the southeastern portion of the great archipelago of the Pacific in case it should become desirable or dmission. The party margin is large and wise to send reinforcements to Admiral Kautz. But it is not a matter of fighting just now. There is no suggestion of war in the air, inasmuch as the powers have met upon a friendly basis of negotiation.

Mr. Quay's persistence is calculated to impress Mr. Addicks more strongly than for members of the Senate fully understand ever that a United States senatorship is omething worth keeping after.

The U. S. Senate has been very much bused, but the jury seemed willing to overlook the fact that Mr. Quay was once a member of it.

Mr. Wanamaker's "Paris thoughts" may e poems, but his Harrisburg thoughts are vastly different

Governor Roosevelt still manages to elude the massacre which Mr. Platt was supposed

SHOOTING STARS.

Safe at Home. "This government," said the Spanish tatesman indignantly, "is all at sea."

"Oh, not so bad as that!" protested the "Well," the unwillingly yielded, "all of 1 except the navy."

Victors and Spoils. This life is all a curious fray And some who vow they've won it Are men who very frankly say "I seen it" and "I done it."

His Ideal. "What I want," remarked Aguinaldo, "is

liberty." "What do you mean by liberty?" "Why, I want to be free to make every

ody else do as I please." How He Reasoned It.

the base ball news."

"How do you know that man does not elong in this city?" "Oh," answered the detective, "that's I watched him while he read his newspaper. He smiled all the way through

A Tempting Subject.

"If Shakespeare could be alive now," remarked the fanciful person, "I wonder what he would think of all the controversy his works have inspired."

"A man of his genius wouldn't miss the opportunity," replied the student. "He'd write a splendid satire on 'em.

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world has gone awry, An' relatin' all the trouble we'll encounter

by and by, When you hear him prophesyin' nothin' else but doubt an' gloom-

How the sun will soon get the ague an' the flow'rs forget to bloom If you've any mind fur guessin', you kir

allus hit it right. His luck has gone agin him. He's the man that lost the fight.

An' when you meet another, steppin' high an' lookin' proud. A-shakin' hands so cheery an' a-smilin' or

the crowd. An' tellin' folks to brace up; that the troubles they go through

Is all imagination; things that vanish like the dew: Who says this earth's all right, no matter

You kin reco'nize him easy. He's the lucky

chap that won. One of the Great Papers of the Coun-

try. From the Davenport (Iowa) Democrat. The Washington Star has grown from : very humble start in March, 1852, to be one of the great papers of the country, metropolitan and up-to-date. Its jubilate is being sung now because it is on the eve of the erection of a handsome nine-story, cut stone building, 52x127 feet in area, and

fitted up as a model newspaper office. The Star is one of the newspapers of America that are read with interest whenever found and quoted with frequency on all occasions

Quay's Appointment a Trick.

from the Philadelphia Press (rep.). The appointment is intended only for pothe appointment is intended only for po-litical effect. The Quay machine is greatly in need of bolstering, and this act of Gov. Stone is to bolster it. It is expected to af-fect the elections of delegates to the republican state convention to be held in August and to indicate that Mr. Quay is still in control of the federal patronage. As the Senate will not meet until December, and cannot before then reject Mr. Quay's filmsy claim, he will be carried over the campaign of this year, in which he has a deep inter-est, as a state treasurer is to be elected. If the people can be tricked in that way the trick will have all the success its projectors expect of it.

Jefferson and His Dinners.

em the New York Tribune. A flashlight picture of Jefferson in the shades looking down on the Gargantuan, tumultuary and discordant dinners gorged in his name would be an interesting image to the disunited democracy, and would prob-ably exhibit the great man in the act of

Would Not Want Boston.

From the Louisville Courier-Journal. There is good reason for suspecting, There is good reason for suspecting, claims the Boston Globe, that those who are working so eagerly to involve us more deeply in the policy of expansion are trying to play the clever role of coaxing and frightening us into a much-coveted Anglo-American alliance. Great Britain, however, might hardly be anxious for an alliance that would include Boston. A city that applauds the enemy of the United States as Boston applauds Aguinaldo would hardly strengthen a fighting alliance between the United States and any other country.

country. The Duty Required of Us.

From the Dallas News. In pursuing duty the time has come when the United States must definitely take its place in "the parliament of man, the federation of the world," and the result of a refusal would be fattal to national progress. When we are children we think as children; when we become men we put aside childish things. The United States has reached maturity, it cannot escape its share of the world's burdens with credit to, itself. It cannot put aside this burden without grave danger to itself and the most itself. It cannot put aside this burden without grave danger to itself and the most serious injustice to those whom it, in the present instance, has decided to help. In the end the blessings will surely outweigh all the losses of treasure and of life on both sides, and the work of justice and of lifts the most side of the side o civilization will go bravely on.

Who Supplies the Ammunition? rem the Boston Herald.

Where does Moss get the smokeless pow der he is firing the stinging bullets at Boss Croker with? His ammunition chests seem full to overflowing.

Natural Fruit of the Spoils Tree.

om the Chicago Journal, Mr. Croker tells the Mazet investigating which were ultimately rejected on the ground that the legislature had had an opportunity to elect and had failed. In this case, however, it was claimed for the petitioner that the legislature had not been legally organized, and that his case stood on gally organized, and that his case stood on ground that the legislature had not been legally organized, and that his case stood on ground that the legislature had not been legally organized, and that his case stood on ground that the legislature had not been legally organized, and that his case stood on ground that the legislature had had an opportunity to elect and had failed. In this case stood on ground that the legislature had had an opportunity to elect and had failed. In this case stood on ground that the legislature had had an opportunity to elect and had failed. In this case stood on ground that the legislature had had an opportunity to elect and had failed. In this case of either of the other ships of war. The Geffon, which is about to join the class of either of the other ships of war. The Geffon, which is about to join the class of either of the other ships of war. The Geffon, will bring the German naval representation to respectable size. Germany, of course, takes pride in this affair, and doubt-Evans'DrugStore, Wholesale and Conn. ave. and 8 st. and 1428 Md. ave. n.e.

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